

**Melbourne High School
Old Boys' Association**

Green Maroon & Black Patrons' Club



27th Year Annual Report

19 May 2021

Email and Web Communication

MHSOBA Green, Maroon & Black Patrons' Club

Twenty Seventh Annual Report 2021

The **Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner** was scheduled for **Wednesday 19th May 2021** in the Unicorn Club but due to the ongoing Covid-19 limitations limited to a virtual session.

On Wednesday 21 April we provided the following information about **the CANCELLATION of the AGM and Annual Dinner for 2021** due to the COVID-19 limitations. This was sent to all members through the regular email newsletter service.

The **FIRST FORUM** that had been scheduled for 6 April has already been **postponed**. The Forum is now tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday 8 September**, the date that had been earmarked for the 2nd Forum. **For 2020 there will only be ONE FORUM**. The excellent agenda will be the one that was previously announced for the first Forum, notified in the March Newsletter. This will be forwarded again later in the year well prior to the September date, **assuming the lifting of current restrictions**.

2021 27th Annual General Meeting

The **GM&B Patrons' Club Executive** is determined to proceed with the **2021 AGM**, but it will be a ZOOM meeting as we are still uncertain about the viability of face-to-face meetings as the majority of members are still to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

It is important that you register to attend the AGM. When you register you will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting a couple of days in advance. *At which time, it is hoped that we may be*

able to offer a small social occasion in the Unicorn Club for those able to attend.

- Election and/or confirmation of Executive Office bearers *(nominations received in brackets)*
 - P-I-C (Daryl Brooks)
 - Deputy P-i-C (David Saul)
 - Secretary (Simon Bowen)
 - Treasurer (Scott Green is stepping down, **new Treasurer required**)

The **Executive Committee Reports** will outline all the programs and activities the GM&B has engaged in over 2020 and updates on these in 2021.

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AGM CANCELLED

27th May 2020 – 7:25 pm - The MHSOBA Unicorn Club

Attendees: not applicable

Apologies: note Applicable

Acceptances but Did Not Arrive:

Chairman: Daryl Brooks (Patron-in-Chief)

Topic of Discussion	Action Required	Action By
Confirmation of previous AGM minutes,	MOTION: Presented as email and web report Moved: Seconded: Outcome:	Daryl Brooks
Patron-in-Chief's Address	Update on this year's progress.	Daryl Brooks
Treasurer's Report	Update on finances, financial year 2019.	Scott Green
	Moved: Presented as email and web report Seconded: Outcome:	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Membership (Colin Green) ▶ Heritage (Robin Tuckerman) ▶ Mentoring (Ajai Verma) ▶ Junior Leadership Program (Wayne Chow) ▶ MHS Foundation (John Wertheimer) ▶ OBA & School Council Liaison (Peter Stathopoulos) ▶ 	Members' attention is drawn to the tabled reports. MOTION: Presented as email and web report. Moved: Seconded: Outcome:	Daryl Brooks
2020-2021 Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <u>Patron-in-Chief:</u> Daryl Brooks ▶ <u>Deputy P-i-C:</u> David Saul ▶ <u>Secretary:</u> Simon Bowen ▶ <u>Treasurer:</u> Scott Green ▶ 	Due to Covid-19 these nominations Stood the only nominations received.	Executive Officer
AOB		Daryl Brooks

Next AGM: Wednesday, 19th May 2021 – 7.00 pm The Unicorn Club	Please mark in diaries now!	
Next Forum: Tuesday 19 October 2021 – 5.30 pm Zoom/Function tba	Theme:	

2021 Annual Report

Patron-in-Chief: Mr Daryl Brooks



Welcome to our 2021 Annual General Meeting.

This time last year we were shocked by the reality of social lockdown and the needs of public health that deprived our GM&B membership of its usual direct connectivity, good fellowship and collective brainstorming on matters of current interest and importance to the school and its caring alumni. Twelve months later, we have good reason to be grateful for our good health, be respectful of the need to remain cautious and preventative and be optimistic that opportunities to reacquaint in person are again possible.

Our 2021 AGM provides unique opportunity to report to members both directly in the Unicorn Club as well as remotely for some, by way of online video conferencing. Our membership is scattered far and wide geographically, but technology provides us with the means to connect instantaneously to deal with the business at hand. Those of us able to attend in the Unicorn Club are socialising for the first time in more than twelve months, and we are looking forward eagerly to our October Forum at which our table teams will help us to reset our compass going forward into a new chapter. We look forward to seeing you again in October at our next opportunity to reconvene. After all this time, please make a special effort to be there. It will be a like a reunion in itself!

2021 is also providing the school with fresh opportunity to rethink, reinvent and plan its own next chapter. It seems that for students their school resumption this year has regenerated the joy of social contact, recalibrated their learning goals and fuelled their aspirations. New Principalship for the school is providing a catalyst for both reflection and design, and from our early associations with Dr Mordini, as well as from the GM&B's strong ongoing association with his school leadership team, I have every reason to look forward with full confidence to exciting prospects ahead that will serve the school, its students and our alumni well.

I wish to extend my appreciation to our dedicated Executive Committee who have met online throughout the uncertain times of 2020-21 and have kept the wheels turning. Special thanks goes to Deputy Patron-in-Chief Mr David Saul for timely encouragement and support provided to myself at critical times, and for his logistical and bidding acumen that ensured GM&B acquisition and donation of the new school organ to the school. Appreciation also to our program leaders Luke Savage for advancing our Heritage program throughout lockdown, and to Adam Ashton whose Mentoring program faced obvious hindrances in 2020 and is now re-emerging with renewed energy in 2021.

The Junior Leadership Program under Wayne Chow's leadership and with the support of a dedicated committee of younger and enthused Old Boys and Palladians has gone from strength to strength in 2021. Its collaborative partnership with MacRob and the Palladians through the Junior Leadership Program continues to flourish by not only adding value to the learning, achieving equal student participation, equal Group Leader representation with Palladians, lessons conducted on

each school campus, but also by hosting sessions via a flexible online delivery platform that ensured that classes could continue, and be recorded digitally as well. The program continues to evolve and is highly valued most importantly by the students themselves.

I also wish to pay special tribute on behalf of all GM&B members, to our retiring Treasurer Scott Green who, as I understand, after 26 years of holding office since GM&B's inception, is retiring this year from the position, proudly with the GM&B in strong financial position indeed. The GM&B is particularly indebted to Scott for his tireless commitment to the role, and for his calm capacity over that time to dovetail our GM&B activities with any and every requirement or obligation of other stakeholders involved that may have been interconnected with school and alumni finances in some way. We are seeking the nomination of a new Treasurer to succeed Scott.

Personal special thanks also, and the best of good wishes go to our now former Principal Mr Jeremy Ludowyke, an Old Boy of MHS himself, whose leadership of the school remained steady and sure through a long period when political and social comment on educational matters was easily offered in weekend papers but all too rarely well-founded. Indeed, the pillars stood strong under his stewardship. Special thanks also to Assistant Principal, Pelissa Tsilimidos and Marcus Sharp who chairs the Education Committee, for their support of our programs. Pelissa particularly has been a wonderful advocate and support for our Mentoring and Junior Leadership Programs that both took quite a hammering with the periods of school closure last year.

There is much to look forward to later in 2021. Our first Forum in April 2021 introduced a large online audience to the school's new Principal Dr Tony Mordini, and to the respective Presidents of the MHSOBA and the Palladians who both provided great overviews of the roles of the alumni organisations, their functions and their value to the schools and their alumni.

We now look forward now to the October Forum, **Tuesday 19th October** where we can cultivate many of the ideas further towards more concrete plans for GM&B action in 2022. I look forward to seeing you there.

Healthy regards

Daryl Brooks

Patron-in-Chief



2021 Annual Report

2021 GM&B EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance: Scott Green



I wish to extend my thanks to the Patron-in-Chief, Executive Committee, members of the GM&B and Jodie Gunton for their ongoing support during 2020. The GM&B financial status is sound and stable.

Without stating the obvious 2020 changed everything. Expected expenditures dropped with the cancellation of programs, Annual dinner, Forums, etc..

We announced the suspension of membership fees for the 2021 year in respect to members and lack of program activity in 2020.

The big project for 2020 was the acquisition of an Organ for the School. GM&B initially paid the cost, with the cooperation of MHS Foundation, we have successfully fund raised to reimburse our savings.

Review in 2020 expenses

Before the Victorian lockdown, we had some Leadership programs and catering.

The GM&B website and Survey monkey was great tools we maintained to keep connection with Members.

Administration

Affiliation fees to the MHSOBA are a fee of \$50 per financial member of the GM&B at 31st December each year. Additionally, new GM&B members who were previously not Life Members of MHSOBA, the GM&B pays to the OBA \$150 per member. Payment for this is transferred to the MHSOBA within the first quarter of the following calendar year.

Accounts 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020

Opening Balance 1 Jan 2020		\$60,348.02
Income		\$12,507.32
	Annual Subs	\$12,080.00
	Bank Interest	\$427.32
Expenditure		\$20,006.13
	Forum Catering (May & October)	0
	Annual Dinner	0
	Mentoring / Leadership programs	\$950.50
	2019 MHSOBA Membership fees	\$3,800.00
	MHS Organ	\$11,650.00
	MHS History expense	\$875.27
	Other (Web, Misc, Fees)	\$2,730.36
	* GST included in respective expenses	
Closing Balance 31 December 2019		\$52,849.21

Future income / expenses

In 2021 we will slowly reconnect with prior programs and will see expenses increase accordingly.

2. Membership: Colin Green OAM



This time last year membership of the GM&B Patrons' Club was 89. It is currently 87. Since the 2020 AGM report there has been one member who has passed on (David Lea), resigned through ageing, ill health or change of situation (John Howell). We thank them for their contribution to the GM&B over many years.

There are no new full members in 2020, but there has been an addition of 12 new Program Members. Recent initiatives by the Executive have supported the establishment of a new membership category for those younger Old Boys who have contributed significantly as Mentors or Junior Leadership Group Leaders. It is to be hoped that these **Program Members** will eventually join the GM&B Patrons' Club as full members.

It seems the membership numbers will hover between 90 and 120 which is precisely what the original founders of the GM&B some 27 years ago hoped would be the case.

The age range of 30-45 remains a vital demographic group of Old Boys who would possibly benefit from GM&B membership. Their contribution would be welcomed by the GM&B and the school. Regular GM&B email newsletters, together with a revamped website, seek to overcome the 'tyranny of distance' and members have commented positively about this initiative.

The revitalised website of the GM&B Patrons' Club (www.gmbpatrons.com.au) has now been well launched, with thanks to **Scott Green** for his preparatory work in this regard and, in conjunction with the regular email newsletters, this will enable us to actively engage in new membership initiatives directed to particular professional or demographic groups. Improved communication with existing members on a more regular basis is a key to the success of ongoing membership. **Trilogy Web Solutions** have been engaged to provide continuing web services. This is proving successful in so many ways, but we will need to increase our efforts on the membership front if we are to lift our membership again to over 100 members. The GM&B Executive is acutely aware of the need to keep the membership drive going as we need to attract new younger members to replace those who have given so much over the past 25 years. Those established or up-and-coming professionals would be ideally suited for membership of this group, so the school can maintain its excellent connections throughout the professions, management, and industry groups.

If any members would like to contribute to the ongoing membership drive, either in terms of personal time or 'ideas from left field' then please let us know as soon as possible.

Further support from existing members who may wish to consider nominating others as GM&B members would be also most welcome. Your Executive looks forward to your continuing support in this area.

If each current member (87) was able to nominate one known Old Boy (friend or business associate) who would possibly like to join the GM&B and could possibly benefit from it, then please pass on their details to Colin Green who will follow up the nomination. This may result in a 10-15% take up, or another 10+ new members. A most worthwhile exercise!

The GM&B needs to grow annually through the addition of 10 or more new members. We welcome your support. Increasing membership is vital to the continuing growth of GM&B programs and other initiatives in the years ahead.

Colin Green

3. Heritage:

A year of COVID-19 has changed, but not stopped the work of the archives. Scanning of key material prior to lockdown using the scanner funded by the GM&B was critical in continuing services. Most work during the remainder of 2020 was focused on enquiries and research. At the end of 2020 access was allowed back to the Heritage Room and cataloguing recommenced. The Archivist has been in most weekends since.

Some notable donations recently have been:

- Map of the Pacific drawn during WWII by a student for geography classes
- Photos from 1937-1938 of music groups and plays, donated by the family of a former teacher.
- Material from the Drohan family
- A collection of photos and student work books from 1915

Scanning

All available Speech Night Programmes, MHSOB Newsletters/Magazines, Sentinel's, Unicorns (to 1991) have now been scanned.

- Research

The student research project building on John Elden's work is now up to the 1939 intake. The systematic search, has found substantial new material and achievement we were not aware of before. This creates a dataset that can now be used for a number of other projects, such as updating the WWI and WWII Honour Rolls.

- Communication

A number of articles have been written for the Old Boys magazine, which has been a great way to publicise the archives. The Archivist was online Guest Speaker to the Port Phillip Historical Society, which focused on MHS's role in State Secondary Education more broadly. The online audience of around 40 included a number of old boys and many others who knew staff or students of the school.

- Enquiries

Enquiries from old boys, family of former students and the general public have been steady throughout the year. Some have been initiated by the Archives (such as the Archies 100, but also when finding contacting family of former students). One interesting enquiry related to Auburn Uniting Church, which was planning a concert for the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, and were researching the names on their Honour Roll, one of whom is an old boy. The researcher turned out to be the son of a famous old boy of MHS. Another connection is that former student and teacher, Bruce Macrae, has been musical director at Auburn Uniting Church for a number of years. George Dreyfus MHS 1943-1945) was interviewed by Bruce Macrae, with excerpts show at the concert in May 2021, which George also attended.

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist, historian@mhs.vic.edu.au

4. Mentoring Scheme: Adam Ashton



Report Pending

5. Junior Leadership Program: Wayne Chow



AGM Report

Junior Leadership Program (JLP) 2021

Wayne Chow

The previous year JLP successfully conducted a trial to have more involvement from the students and alumni at The MacRobertson Girls High School. The program now in its 8th year is now a combined activity delivered as an extra-curricular activity for Melbourne High School and The MacRobertson Girls High School. Our vision of a joint program has taken a good part of the past 12 months, through close engagement and planning by GM&B and The Palladians, and also between the staff from both school.

We launched JLP 2021 with a Leadership Symposium in December 2020. Similar to previous symposiums, we invited three experienced speakers to share their leadership journeys, drawing from their perspectives and different career pathways. The three speakers were:

Eve Ash

CEO Seven Dimensions

Eve Ash is a psychologist, film producer and international expert in human behaviour and leadership. Eve produced and appeared in the multi award winning feature Man on the Bus, and her 6 part TV series Undercurrent: True Murder Investigation. Eve has won an Australian Businesswoman of the Year award, and over 170 film awards.

Amanda Jenkins (MacRob 2009)

Senior Manager – FIBA

International Basketball Federation – Oceania

She is a sports and Recreation manager with experience in Strategy Development, budgeting, events Management, public Speaking and customer service. Amanda is currently studying a MBA at The Deakin University

Deniz Atakan (MHS 2013)

Junior Electrical Engineer, Done a Law Degree

He has worked in investment banking, consulting, and is currently working in the medical technology field at a late stage start-up. And is now an analyst at Deloitte Australia

In the light of the COVID crisis in 2020, the leadership topics explored in 2021 included the following:

Innovation and Adaptation Through Leadership (Deniz)

Leadership Through Adversity (Amanda)

The Importance of Integrity in Leadership (Eve)

Our key JLP 2020 achievements:

1. We have included a 6th and final session on **Ethics and Leadership**; it is a relevant and significant topic for students and popular for our group leaders.
2. During COVID and the demand to work remotely, we continued our program and finished off what we have started. In recognition of the work from the JLP committee and GM&B's support, Melbourne High School has received a certificate of appreciation from The City of Melbourne, signed

by The honourable Ms Sally Capp. This is a great achievement to recognise our work and our spirit of volunteerism.

JLP 2021 achievements included:

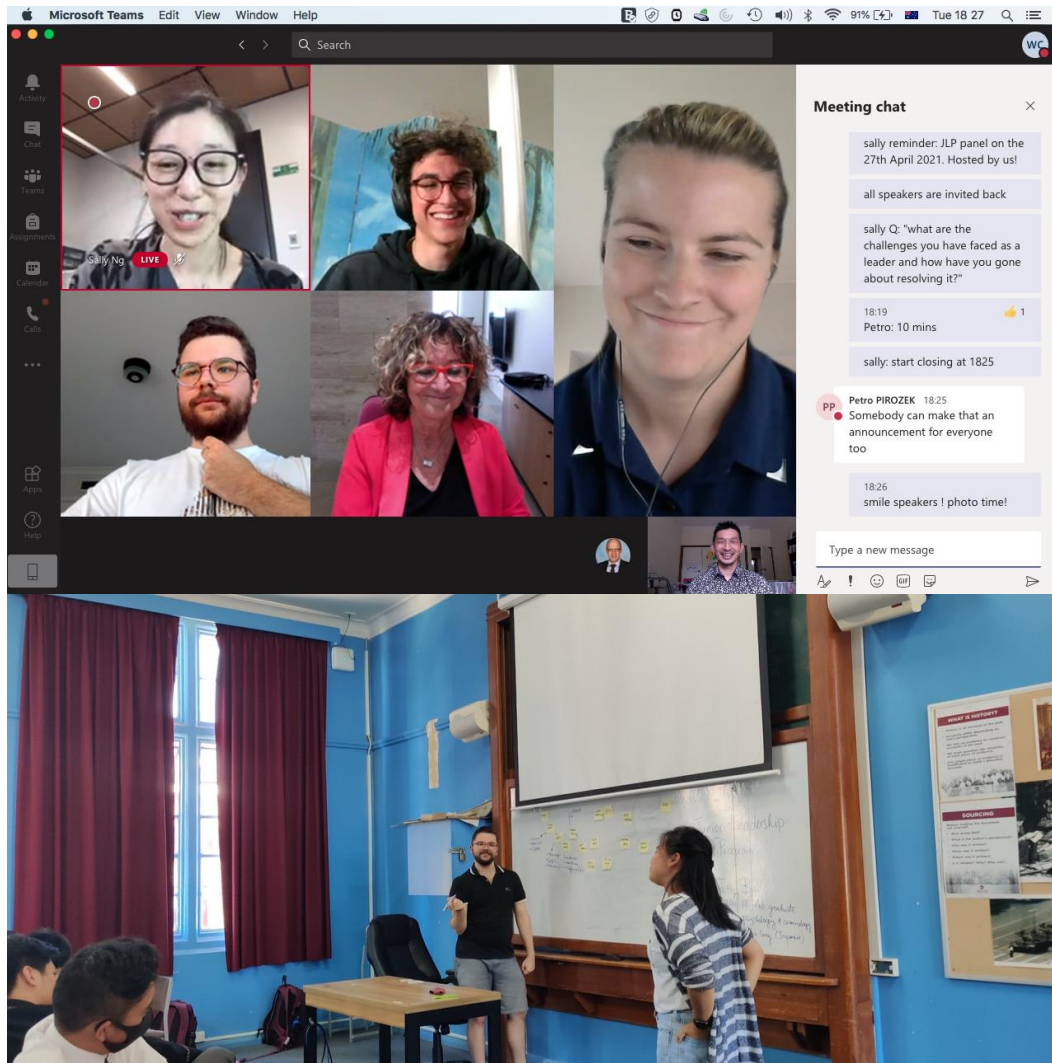
3. JLP has signed up a total of 120 year 10 students from both schools. The program earns MHS diploma points for the boys and has been very popular.
4. Thanks to the support from The Palladians, we had 32 alumni group leaders to support the running of the program. Our group leaders this year are passionate, committed and much better prepared than ever.
5. Training: the committee continued to provide a great face-to-face opportunity for training and to meet each other. It is also a fantastic opportunity for the alumni to work together and a great networking opportunity. We hope our group leaders will continue to support the MHSOBA and The Palladians into other portfolios and programs.
6. Just like the rest of the world during COVID, we learnt how to better use technology and online platforms to prepare and collaborate. The committee only met face-to-face twice in the past 8 months. We have also redesigned two sessions to be done via virtual platform, as well as the traditional classroom sessions.
7. For the first time, we conducted session #2 at the MacRob campus. It was great to share the responsibility and provide venues and classrooms. Many group leaders found the girls spoke with more confidence and engagement being on their home ground. It was encouraging to hear the growth and improvement in the student – group leader discussions over the course of 3 months.

Where do we take JLP in the future:

8. We hope the JLP group leaders will continue to support the associations and extend their support to other portfolios. The GM&B has incentivised our group leaders by funding 10 LinkedIn Learning licences (previously called [Lynda.com](https://www.lynda.com)). This online learning platform provides high quality learning courses where they can watch and access from home. The courses and webinars are practical and useful for our more 'junior' members who are actively trying to find a new job or plan to further their careers.
9. The GM&B wants to foster our next generation of old boys, we have now welcomed our 2nd year of **Program Memberships to GM&B**. This membership category recognises the valuable contributions of our group leaders and we hope they continue to be involved with GM&B and MHSOBA
10. Mangala Prasetia has taken the lead to develop a library of short videos covering various topics of leaderships, drawn from interviews from our staff and group leaders. These vignettes videos will be available shortly on our website.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the JLP committee: Daryl Brooks, Deniz Atakan, Alan Stein, Mangala Prasetia, Sally Ng, Joanna Zhong and Evania Lok. The committee is knowledgeable, focused and self-driven. I could not ask for a better team to work with. I would also like to thank GM&B for their guidance and support. A final thank-you to MHS vice-principal Pelissa Tsilimidos and Rose Shamoail (MacRob - Community Partnerships Leader) for being a part of the JLP journey in 2021.

PS: If any GM&B members are interested in speaking in the 2022 Leadership symposium, please feel free to contact me. Patience and experience is a must !!



6. MHS Foundation: John Wertheimer AM RFD



INTRODUCTION AND MISSION

The Melbourne High School Foundation is the fundraising arm of Melbourne High School. The Foundation enables Melbourne High School to provide a variety of non-Government funded academic, sporting, cultural and wellbeing programs that ensure a rich all-encompassing education for all students regardless of their family circumstances.

Through its five distinct trusts, the Foundation provides unique opportunities for donors, including parents, past students, businesses and philanthropists to support the education and

wellbeing of past, present and future students and staff.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The achievement of the aims of the Foundation rests on the governance structure comprising board members and committees which collectively:

- determine policy and direction
- create and implement plans to raise funds
- process donations
- allocate funds in conjunction with the School
- oversee five trusts and funds:
 - The MHS Arts & Cultural Trust
 - The MHS Scholarship Trust
 - The MHS General Trust
 - The Melbourne High School Foundation Health Promotion Trust
 - The Future Fund

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following directors served during the year:

- John Wertheimer (President)
- Mark Taft (Vice-President & School Council Nominee)
- Michael Hills (Secretary) to September, 2020
- Noel Moloney (Treasurer and Public Officer)
- Simon Evans (Building Advisor)
- Jeremy Ludowyke (School Principal)
- Sam Theodore (MHSOBA Nominee)

In 2020, the Board was also supported by an observer.

- Chitra Amaradasa

Directors' meetings have been held monthly throughout the year.

In 2020, Wendy Brooks & Partners provided strategic fundraising advice for the Foundation.

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

The MHS Annual Appeal is an important source of income and is well supported by the alumni and our community of old boys. We are delighted with the strong support generated by the 2020 Appeal with the monies raised under the Future Fund supporting initiatives to support students impacted by the sudden change to remote learning. The amounts raised are listed below.

In 2020, our Annual Appeal raised the following:

2020 Annual Appeal	\$
Future Fund	56,372
Classrooms	21,092
Scholarship Trust	32,602
Arts & Cultural Trust	9,800
MHSOBA – School Trust	7,953
Library Fund	98
Health Promotion Trust	525
General Trust	5
TOTAL	128,447

THE CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES (CHES) 669 CHAPEL ST

Eight years ago, the Foundation acquired land adjoining the school at 669 Chapel St. Since purchasing the land, the MHS Foundation has worked alongside the school and government on the development of the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) on the site. The multi-storey centre will include an auditorium, technology-rich learning spaces and tertiary standard science and design labs. Works are planned to start in the first half of 2021 with construction expected to be complete by mid-2022, with a full range of programs available to students from the start of 2023. The school will work in collaboration with a group of government schools to develop the Centre.

CLASSROOM CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

Due to COVID 19 the crowdfunding campaign planned for March 2020 was postponed and is rescheduled for December 2021.

This campaign is one of our key strategies for supporting the school to undertake a phased rejuvenation of 50 classrooms by 2027. This ambitious target has been set to celebrate the centenary of the 'Castle on the Hill'. In 2018, we raised funds to renovate seven classrooms. We hope to repeat this success in 2021.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Through our Scholarship Trust, 65 students from families struggling to meet the basic costs of education were awarded scholarships, bursaries and prizes. Activities included school fee contributions, cash awards, the provision of laptops, and school uniform and book subsidies.

This has been a challenging year with COVID 19 requiring teachers, parents and students to rapidly adjust to new modes of learning. In a matter of weeks, Melbourne High School had to find and implement viable alternatives to the traditional model of teaching in a physical classroom.

The Foundation through the Future Fund worked to support the school community with the sudden change to remote learning by funding:

- Laptops and additional internet access
- Mental health support through the provision of extended counselling hours during isolation
- Increased careers advice, including an additional careers advisor during the busy time after VCE results were received.

THE MHS ARTS & CULTURAL TRUST

The Foundation continued to work towards increasing the financial support available for the development of arts and cultural activities within the school and the wider City of Stonnington community. In October 2020 fund raising commenced to purchase an electric organ.

STRATEGY FOR FUNDRAISING

The Foundation continued working with Wendy Brooks & Partners in 2020 to develop key fundraising strategies and activities. The Foundation's focus is on strengthening relationships with the families of students, alumni and potential supporters; identifying and articulating key programs that will support MHS students to achieve their potential and implementing our strategic fundraising plan to attract income.

We look forward to sharing upcoming activities with you and encourage everyone in the broader school community to become involved.

IN CLOSING

As at 31 December 2020, the Foundation and its trusts had improved their financial positions with combined assets of \$1.6 million, including assets such as statues and cash.

I thank my fellow board members, new and existing ambassadors and patrons, MHSOBA Council, Finance and Administration Officer Jodie Gunton, MHSOBA Events Manager Jo Malley and the Wendy Brooks & Partners team for contributing to a very positive year particularly as it was a year of unusual circumstances.

I would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to Michael Hills, Foundation Secretary. Michael has contributed to MHS including three years on the School Council and setting up the meeting which established the Foundation in 2006. After 18 years of very valuable service to MHS, Michael retired in September.

My sincere thanks to each one of you who supported Melbourne High School's students and staff, past, current and future.

Best wishes,



Col. John Wertheimer AM RFD
President
30 April 2021

7. MHSOBA & School Council Liaison: Peter Stathopoulos



Dear fellow Green, Maroon & Black Patrons

I am pleased to table this report to you as an update of the activities undertaken during 2020.

With the advent of COVID-19, last year was a year was extremely challenging on many fronts. The MHSOBA office closed on 23 March 2020 in accordance with Federal Government, DHHS, DET and MHS mandates and reopened in late February 2021.

Nonetheless, the Committee and our team continued to deliver key programs. We contributed to affiliate organisations, engaged with our members and worked on new projects remotely.

These areas include:

- Annual Scholarship Program
- MHSOBA Business Directory
- Student Examination Preparation Seminars

- Student Vocational Seminars
- Quarterly Newsletter and ongoing social media
- Inaugural Podcast Series “Between Two Unicorns”
- Ongoing CRM and website development
- Memberships
- School Council meetings

MHSOBA Inc. Committee

Throughout 2020, the Committee met online via Zoom. All members adapted quickly to this new mode of meeting and continued to effectively progress the Association’s business each month. We were delighted Daryl Brooks - Patron-in-Chief of the Green Maroon & Black Patrons’ Club was able to join these meetings.

As ever, I thank each member of the Committee for the extraordinary time and energy that they invest in the Association, and for the experience, skills and commitment they bring to our members and community. Our Committee members are: **Warren Fall** (Vice President and Chair, Membership Sub-committee); **Ted Goldstein** (Treasurer and Chair, Finance Sub-committee); **Marco Dogliotti** (Secretary); **Peter Douros** (Chair Scholarships Sub-committee); **Guy Velik** (Chair, Student Engagement Sub-committee) and **Simon Anderson**.

We extend a warm welcome Simon Anderson (MHS Class of 2003) who joined us through the year. Simon has contributed to our 2020 Vocational Seminars and marketing of the Business Directory and will support our professional networking events going forward.

MHSOBA Team

Our part-time team consists of Jo Malley (Event & Operations Manager) and Jodie Gunton (Accounts & Administration Manager). Both Jo and Jodie worked remotely in 2020. In the absence of events due to COVID-19, Jo was deployed to the complex development and delivery of our new Business Directory. An offering we have long aspired to provide to members and the MHS community, we now have an online platform to which Old Boys can subscribe and network with each other while exploring B2B and B2C business opportunities. More about the Directory can be [viewed here](#).

We thank Jo and Jodie for their continued commitment to the Association and for their work on behalf of our members, affiliates and the school. With the measured reopening of the office in February 2021, the team is onsite each Wednesday and as is required for meetings, events and site maintenance.

EVENTS

Our 2020 events calendar was heavily impacted by COVID-19. In response to government mandates, the majority of our events were cancelled. This included Reunions for the Classes of 2019, 2015, 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970 and Golden Years. Our Annual Dinner was also cancelled.

Hosted by both MHSOBA Inc. and the GM&B Patrons’ Club, Appreciation Evening was held online via Zoom on Tuesday 22nd December.

With sudden COVID-19 outbreaks and resultant lockdowns an ever-present consideration, we are carefully managing safety and risk. Our 2021 event calendar has been revised and we look forward to delivering our reunions again this year.

Our Annual Dinner is planned for October 2021 on a date and at a venue to be confirmed.

With the reopening of The Unicorn Club, COVID-Safe policies have been implemented including:

- Patron density quotients to government guidelines
- Mandatory QR code scanning for all guests and visitors to the MHSOBA office
- Mandatory event ticketing (no walk-ups)
- Hand sanitising stations
- Air conditioning guidelines
- F&B and kitchen team guidelines
- Frequent contact point cleaning protocols
- No self-service or buffet-style catering
- No external caterers
- No water station on the bar

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - VCE Student Exam Series

In June and July, Guy Velik – Chair, Student Engagement Sub-committee – programmed and delivered a comprehensive series of 16 exam preparation workshops to Year 11 and 12 students.

Delivered via Zoom, hosted by Old Boys and of each of 3 hours duration, subjects covered English Argument Analysis to Specialist Mathematics and everything in between. We acknowledge the support of 2020 School Captain Shayan Soroush along with the Old Boys who invested time in preparing for and delivering these seminars. We look forward to this series becoming a mainstay in our student support calendar.

Student Vocational Seminars

Our annual program was delivered online via Zoom in Term 4. With solid attendance from MHS students, we appreciate the time of these Old Boys who contributed to the program:

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| • Creative Arts | Rex Lee | MHS 2014 |
| • Engineering & Law | Simon Anderson | MHS 2003 |
| • Law | Joel Tito | MHS 2003 |
| • Medicine | Dr Seb Belfrage | MHS 2003 |
| • Commerce | Sean Lester | MHS 2009 |

MEMBERSHIP

Membership subscriptions fell in 2020, largely attributable to a lack of Reunions and our ability to have a personal presence and exhibit at school events. Our office closure also impacted our ability to manage new Memberships which are progressively being processed since reopening.

DIGITAL

Online forums and channels played a key role in 2020, with Zoom allowing us to deliver our Vocational Seminars, VCE Student Exam Series, have monthly meetings, undertake training and meet with stakeholders.

Business Directory

Over eight months, Jo Malley scoped, developed, tested and delivered our long-awaited online Business Directory. Integrated with our website and CRM, this complex system entails extensive user journeys, automations and design elements. We look forward to increased subscriptions by Old Boys for their professional and personal benefit, and for the benefit of the wider MHS community.

Inaugural Podcast Series – “Between Two Unicorns”

In June the MHSOBA launched an inaugural podcast series “[Between Two Unicorns](#).” Produced by Adam Ashton (MHS 2010) the series included candid interviews with prominent Old Boys John Tasioulas (MHS 1992); Ashton Pereira (MHS 2010); Charles Macek (MHS 1964); Benjamin Wilson (MHS 2010) and Wayne Chow (MHS 1994).

The series is a widely accessible archive of conversations that will contribute to the rich history of MHS and future generations. We thank Adam for his time and expertise, and look forward to the next podcast series in coming months.

Social Media & Quarterly Newsletter

Throughout the year we posted regularly to Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. Including regular updates, obituaries and feature posts, we also posted on behalf of affiliate organisations. The design and production of our quarterly newsletter was transitioned in-house to achieve cost efficiencies afford us greater control of delivery.

Our thanks to Dr Alan Gregory, School Historian and Luke Savage as Honorary School Archivist for their assistance in preparing obituaries and countless articles for our newsletter which focus on historic matters connecting MHS and the MHSOBA.

Website & CRM

A key operational tool for the Association as a member-based organisation, our CRM continues to support enhanced reporting, record-keeping, and targeted communication. Team training in both WordPress and CRM are ongoing.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our 2020 Scholarship program attracted significant interest with many high-calibre submissions received. Opening in July, the application deadline was extended to the end of September in light of a significantly disrupted year.

Recipients were notified in October and we congratulate them on being awarded their respective Scholarships.

We warmly welcome Greg Webber (MHS 1991) as a new sponsor of The Webber Family Scholarship. Our grateful thanks to Scholarship sponsors for their ongoing commitment and support of MHS Old Boys and our community – the Mahoney and Verma families and Mr John Ly (Nguyen).

I must thank Peter Douros for his excellent work in overseeing this area and we look forward to growing our Scholarship program further in 2021.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Since Principal Jeremy Ludowyke invited me to be an observer on School Council, I have used the opportunity to express views that would echo the thoughts of other Old Boys but more importantly I have made sure that I have been a staunch supporter of the school, the students and especially of the Principal, when and where required.

The majority of School Council meetings were held virtually last year but that by no means meant that the interaction was watered down. Quite the contrary, many of our meetings were extended as discussions took place around many matters, many of which arose from the lockdown situation that the school community found itself in. The topic of student welfare and remote learning was paramount and I must congratulate the leaders of the school for the proactive manner under which they attacked the issues that surrounded students, staff and their ability to interact. From what I witnessed I can say that no stone was left unturned to make the year a success for all students. I was particularly fortunate to interact as closely as I could with school captain Shayan Soroush during the year. Apart from the stellar results that Shayan achieved the VCE cohort were immensely successful across the board. Remote learning did not lessen the ties that bind the 2020 exit year to Melbourne High School. In fact, I feel that it had the opposite effect and in years to come I believe that we will see that this fine group of young men will be pivotal amongst the Old Boys' community especially with their connection to the MHSOBA, MHS and how they can best assist emerging students of the school. I can only congratulate Jeremy Ludowyke, Pelissa Tsilimidos, Marcus Sharp, Andrew Sloan and the staff of MHS for the manner in which they adapted to the circumstances and then navigated the school and its students during last year.

I would like to thank School Council President, Mark Bainbridge for his efforts last year and for the open lines of discussion that we had.

During the year extensive discussions also took place in relation to proposed uniform changes and most importantly work around the process in the selection of who would succeed Jeremy Ludowyke as the new principal of MHS. As we all know the decision was made to elevate Dr Anthony Mordini to the office of principal of MHS after much consideration. Dr Mordini brings with him a wealth of experience in many areas, most importantly student welfare and all-round wellbeing. Early discussions with Dr Mordini have been extremely fruitful and I look forward to working with him in the future.

I will expand on my thoughts about retiring principal Jeremy Ludowyke in the near future when the MHSOBA publishes a group of tribute pieces about him. To be brief would be a disservice to Jeremy and the length of tenure that he was principal of our school. I have nothing but admiration and respect for him as the school's leader and will add that I never received anything but total support from him in relation to my role and the MHSOBA. I will miss him as I'm sure many others will. I wish him all the best with all his future pursuits and I look forward to seeing him at MHS and MHSOBA events.

GREEN, MAROON & BLACK – Patrons' Club

Being involved with the GM&B has been a most invigorating and challenging affair since I was invited to be part of the executive. COVID-19 did not diminish the group's ability to interact and meet. Again, most meetings were held online, the greatest challenge being that I had to return

home post the 8:00 pm curfew one night and there are not too many alternate routes that I could use between my office and home.

Although areas like the mentoring of Year 11 students did not reach the heights that it should have last year, it was extremely heartwarming that the MHSOBA received a number of unsolicited requests from Old Boys who were willing to be included in this ever-growing area. Adam Ashton was proactive during the lockdown and we look forward to assisting him as the conduit between Old Boys who want to be mentors and Adam. The Junior Leadership Program showed no signs of slowing down regardless of the situation that we all found ourselves and I must congratulate Wayne Chow, Daryl Brooks and their team in expanding this program in such a positive manner.

Unfortunately, the hands-on interaction that I have had in the past with the School Heritage program took a back seat last year. Luke Savage was still able to complete many projects remotely and again I must thank him for the immense support that he gives me in preparing written work for the MHSOBA quarterly newsletter.

I must thank Patron-in-Chief, Daryl Brooks and Deputy Patron-in-Chief, David Saul for their continued support and Executive Officer, Colin Green for their leadership and contribution this year to the greater MHS community. Daryl has been attending regular MHSOBA Committee meetings and I know that this has strengthened the lines of communication that we have amongst ourselves.

I look forward to working with the GM&B executive and its patrons in the coming year and hope that we can collectively strive to achieve the goals that we have in order to strengthen the ties and interaction that we have within the Greater Melbourne High School Family.



Mr Peter Stathopoulos
President, MHSOBA Inc.

CURRENT GM&B MEMBERSHIP: As at 1 may 2021

(Not including Program Members listed earlier)

Surname	PostNoms	Title	Initials	Pref Name	ExitYear	Occupation
Allchin	JP	Mr	D V	Dale	1970	Retired
Apel		Mr	I	Isaac	1964	Managing Partner
Apostolou		Mr	L I	Lewis	1988	Partner (Lawyer)
Ashton		Mr	A	Adam	2010	Podcast Creations
Atkinson		Mr	B R	Barry	1956	Retired Civil Engineer
Axup		Mr	C R	Colin	1984	School Principal
Barber		Mr	R F	Robert	1957	Managing Director
Barnett	OAM	Mr	M	Mel	1955	Solicitor
Barr	AM	Mr	W H J	John	1954	Metallurgist & Mining Engineer
Batt		Mr	M	Matthew	1988	Financial Controller
Beazley		Mr	R C	Ron	1955	Lawyer
Bessemer		Mr	T W	Todd	1987	Management Consultant
Bishop		Prof	G J	Geoffrey	1950	Retired Obstetrician & Gynaecologist
Blackett		Mr	R E C	Richard	1984	Commercial Manager & Investor
Bowen		Mr	S J	Simon	1984	General Manager Operations
Boyd		Mr	R M	Ross	1974	Aust Public Service, Asst Secretary
Broderick		Mr	G J	Gordon	1962	General Manager
Brooke	OAM	Mr	J D	John	1956	Farmer
Brooks		Mr	D L	Daryl	1970	Exec Trainer & Educator
Camfield		Mr	R L	Ross	1975	Travel Manager
Chow		LtCol	W	Wayne	1994	Dentist
Connor		Dr	J K	John	1954	Business Consultant
Crean		Hon	S F	Simon	1966	Former Federal Politician
Dodd		Mr	J A	John	1958	Civil Engineer (Retired)
Dolkas		Mr	P	Peter	1985	Banker
Duncan		Mr	N C	Neil	1956	Managing Director (Retired)
Easton		Mr	L K	Lincoln	1984	Founder and CEO
Elgin		Mr	M R	Marcus	1979	Executive Chairman
Ellis		Lt Col	D R C	Dechlan	1985	Director Client Strategy
Elsner		Dr	K H	Keith	1961	Orthopaedic Surgeon
Fairchild		Mr	D	Drew	1992	Finance
Felber		Dr	A D	Anthony	1971	Radiologist
Fox	AC	Mr	L E	Lindsay	1953	GM / Truck Driver

Goldstein		Mr	T E	Ted	1966	Accountant
Grant		Mr	G A	Geoff	1962	Retired Photographer
Green	OAM	Mr	C C	Colin	1962	Executive Officer
Green		Mr	S P	Scott	1984	Director
Grigsby		Mr	J R J	John	1993	Secondary Teacher (Retired)
Grundmann		Dr	D	David	1964	General Medical Practitioner
Grundmann		Mr	M	Max	1964	Managing Director
Gust	AO	Prof	I D	Ian	1957	Research Director
Hutchinson	AM	Mr	D M	Darvell	1946	Company Director
Innes		Mr	L P	Les	1970	Retired Company Director
Ivany	AM	Mr	P A	Peter	1971	CEO/Managing Director
Johansen		Mr	C A	Colin	1974	Human Resources Consultant
Kent		Mr	G B	Gary	1978	Public Servant
Kitchen		Mr	D	David	1998	Public Servant
Kliman		Dr	L J	Len	1971	Obstetrician & Gynaecologist
Kritharides		Mr	P S	Paris	1982	Dentist
Lea		Mr	D J	David	1952	Retired
Lee Dow	AO	Prof	K C	Kwong	1955	Retired University VC
Macek		Mr	C	Charles	1964	General Manager
Macumber		Dr	P G	Phillip	1956	Hydrogeologist
Mahoney		Mr	B C	Ben	1991	Lawyer
Marcun		Dr	P R	Paul	1983	Pharmaceutical Scientist
Martin		Dr	R F	Roger	1960	Retired Med. Research Scientist
Mathieson		Mr	J S	Jim	1955	Retired Manager/Company Director
Maule		Mr	R D	Rodney	1985	Director of Safety
McConnell		Mr	M	Mark	1989	Director / Private Equity
McGrath		Dr	C J R	Chris	1983	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon
McIntosh		Mr	E J	John	1960	Retired
McIntosh		Mr	S	Steve	1988	International Engineer
Munday		Mr	A R	Alan	1974	General Manager
Munday		Mr	S J	Stephen	1981	National Development Manager
Pappas	AO	Mr	G	George	1963	Chancellor
Penhalluriack		Mr	F W	Frank	1958	Proprietor
Pilmore	OAM RFD	Mr	S R	Steve	1966	Executive Director
Pole		Mr	L J	Laurie	1959	Civil Engineer (Retired)
Pole		Mr	S	Stephen	1988	Airline Pilot

Powell		Dr	D X	Damian	1985	Principal & Historian
Psyhogios		Mr	N	Nicholas	1979	CEO
Rae	OAM	Mr	A H	Alan	1954	Civil Engineer
Robson	CBE	Mr	R A	Rob	1944	Retired CEO
Roller		Assoc Prof	L	Louis	1958	Teaching Associate
Rosenfeld	AC OBE	Prof	J V	Jeffrey	1970	Neurosurgeon
Saul	AM	Brig	D H M	David	1980	Logistics Manager
Scott		Prof	A J W	Andrew	1980	University Professor
Scott		Mr	G	Gavan	1984	Business Owner
Silberberg		Mr	K	Kevin	1963	Honorary Treasurer
Soffer		Mr	W H	Warren	1969	Director
Stathopoulos		Mr	P	Peter	1982	Business Proprietor Academic Tissue Repair & Management
Sussman	OAM JP	Assoc Prof	G	Geoff	1955	
Sussman		Mr	T	Troy	1987	Actor and Director
Tivendale		Mr	K J	Knowles	1992	Transport & Urban Planner
Tuckerman		Mr	R K	Robin	1961	Consultant
Verma		Dr	A K	Ajai	2006	GP Doctor
Warhaft		Dr	N	Jack	1955	Anaesthetist & Hospital Manager
Wertheimer	AM RFD	Colonel	E J	John	1954	Company Director
Whitehead		Dr	A L	Allan	1985	Emergency Medicine Specialist

Constitution

The Green, Maroon and Black Patrons' Club



Affiliated with the
Melbourne High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

Incorporating amendments passed at the Special General Meeting at the October Forum, 22/10/2012

COMMENCEMENT OF THE GM&B CLUB

Following a recommendation by the Council of the Melbourne High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated, the establishment of the Green, Maroon and Black Patrons Club was approved by a minute of the Council meeting of 11 October 1993.

It commenced formal operations on 1 May 1995 at the conclusion of the Foundation Membership period.

1. NAME

The name of this club is the Green, Maroon and Black Patrons Club, herein after referred to as the GM&B Club (*"the Club"*).

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of the **Club** is to bring together former students and staff who wish to maintain a high level of philanthropic, benevolent and intellectual interest in the ongoing welfare of the MHSOBA Inc. and the Melbourne High School.

2.2 The **Club** will provide an opportunity for former students and staff of this inclination to meet, fraternise and socialise, on an irregular basis, in the best interests of the Association and the School.

3. MISSION

The mission of the MHSOBA GM&B Patrons' Club is to contribute to the sustainable development of Melbourne High School so that it is nationally and internationally competitive and recognised as such through

the excellence and quality of its educational and experiential programs, its facilities and the achievements of its students and their pride in the School.

4. AFFILIATION

4.1 The **Club** will always be affiliated with the Melbourne High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated, subsequently referred to as the MHSOBA Inc., whose registered number is A001 544P and which was incorporated on 27 January 1988.

4.2 The Articles of Association of the MHSOBA Inc. shall apply in any circumstance not covered by the Rules, including voting at meetings.

4.3 The rate of affiliation fee will be determined from time to time by the MHSOBA Inc. Council.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Executive will invite prospective members of the Club to join on the basis of

- recommendation for membership by an existing member;
- their demonstrated loyalty to the School and the MHSOBA Inc. over the years past;
- their genuine interest in the well being of the School and the Association; and
- their understanding and acceptance of the membership and joining fees

applicable at the time of joining.

5.2 If the prospective member advises the Secretary in writing of his/her intention to accept membership he/she will be admitted to membership as from the date of receipt by the Secretary of the notification subject to ratification at the next Executive meeting.

5.3 Providing the conditions in clauses 5.1 and 5.2 are met, or deemed to have been met by the MHSOBA Inc. Council, all former students, teachers and former teachers of the Melbourne High School are eligible to become members of the Club.

5.4 The President of the MHSOBA Inc shall be an ex officio member of the Club.

5.5 The Club may at any General meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present offer memberships in the Club to any person who is not included within clauses 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3.

5.6 The Club may at any Annual General Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present confer Honorary Life membership on any member.

6. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Subject to the above there shall be three categories of membership:

6.1 Founding Members, those who were invited to join prior to the end of April 1995 by the MHSOBA Inc. Council

6.2 Joining Members, those who join by invitation or recommendation after 1 May 1995.

6.3 Honorary Life Members.

7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Secretary of the MHSOBA Inc. shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member. This register will be kept at the MHSOBA Inc. Office, Scoreboard Pavilion, Melbourne High School, Forrest Hill, South Yarra, 3141.

8. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

8.1 A member of the Club who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Club may resign from the Club by first giving one months notice in writing to the Secretary of his intention to resign and upon the expiration of

that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member.

8.2 Upon the expiration of a notice given under clause 8.1 the Secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.

9. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

9.1 Under exceptional circumstances, if the ideals and high standards of the Club were under threat by a member, the Executive may request that member to make personal representation to the Executive to justify why he/she should remain a member of the Club.

9.2 In this event the Executive would report to a General meeting of the Club which would then decide by a majority vote of those present what action should be taken, including suspension or expulsion.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 The Secretary shall call an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club in each calendar year.

10.2 Twelve members personally present constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of an Annual General Meeting of the Club.

10.3 The business conducted at this meeting shall be:

10.3.1 The election of a:

- Patron-in-Chief;
- Deputy Patron-in-Chief;
- Secretary;
- Treasurer.

Nominations for these positions must be received by the Secretary prior to the Executive Meeting immediately preceding the scheduled AGM, with the date of the Executive Meeting being advised with at least 7 days notice to members. It is usual for the Deputy Patron-in-Chief to take over the role of Patron-in-Chief once his term of office is completed in compliance with clause 12.2.

10.3.2 To receive reports about any special projects undertaken by the Club on behalf of the MHSOBA Inc. or the School;

10.3.3 To receive a financial statement from the Treasurer

10.3.4 To receive other business for which due notice has been received in writing by the Secretary.

10.4 The Annual General Meeting generally will be held in the month of March - April each year, followed by the awarding of GM&B Patrons Certificates at the Annual Club Dinner.

11. EXECUTIVE

11.1 The Executive shall comprise the:

- Patron-in-Chief
- Deputy Patron-in-Chief
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- President of the MHSOBA Inc (ex officio appointment)
- Executive Officer (appointed by the Executive)
- Chairs of the various operational committees and such other member or members who are co-opted from time to time by the Executive ("the co-opted member").

11.2 All ex-officio members of the Executive have the same voting rights as the other elected and appointed officers.

12. TERM OF OFFICE

12.1 The members of the Executive shall hold office for a term of 12 months or until the next Annual General Meeting which ever shall later occur.

12.2 The Patron-in-Chief shall be eligible to serve for an initial term and for two successive terms thereafter.

12.3 Any co-opted member shall serve from the date of co-option until the Executive Meeting that is first convened after the next Annual General Meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1 The Executive shall appoint the Executive Officer at the first executive meeting convened after the Annual General Meeting.

13.2 The Executive Officer shall hold office until the Executive meeting that is first

convened after the Annual General Meeting following his/her appointment.

14. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

14.1 All general meetings of members of the Club other than the Annual General Meeting shall be called Special General Meetings.

14.2 The Patron-in-Chief of the Club, or any group of 10 members, may request in writing that the Secretary call a Special General Meeting. The objects of such a request for a meeting must be made clear in the Notice and in the Agenda for the meeting

14.3 The Secretary shall call a meeting by sending such notice to all Club members, specifying the reasons for the meeting, its location, date and time of commencement. 14 days notice of a Special General Meeting must be given to all members.

14.4 Additional items may be placed on the agenda for transaction provided the member/s notify the Secretary in writing no later than 7 days prior to the Special General Meeting and written notice thereof is given by the Secretary to the members no later than 24 hours before the meeting.

14.5 No business other than that set on the agenda shall be formally transacted at the meeting.

15. PROCEDURES AT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

15.1 All business that is transacted at a Special General Meeting and all business that is transacted at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in this Constitution as being the ordinary business of the Annual Meeting shall be deemed to be special business.

15.2 No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of the Club members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

15.3 Twelve members personally present constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting of the Club.

15.4 The Patron-in-Chief of the Club shall preside at any general meeting of members. In his absence the Deputy Patron-in-Chief shall act as Chair or the meeting shall elect a Chairman for the duration of that meeting.

15.5 Voting shall be by a show of hands save, in respect of the voting for the Patron-in-Chief and for the members of the executive, if it is the will of the meeting, by a secret ballot.

16. OFFICERS OF THE GM&B CLUB

The officers of the Club will be the members of the Executive.

17. ELECTION OF THE PATRON-IN-CHIEF

17.1 All members of the Club are eligible to stand for election to this office providing due notice is received by the Secretary at the Executive Meeting prior to the AGM.

17.2 Nominations for this position will have the right to briefly address the members of the Club about their policies at the Annual General Meeting.

17.3 It is usual for the Deputy Patron-in-Chief to take over the role of Patron-in-Chief once his term of office is completed.

18. FUNDS AND FEES

18.1 The fees payable by members comprise:

- initial joining fee, and
- annual fee.

The Executive will from time to time determine the fees.

18.2 Securing the fees to be paid by members is the responsibility of the Treasurer. Members who default in their annual payments may be subject to review of their membership by the

Executive upon recommendation of the Treasurer.

18.3 The Treasurer will present the Annual Financial Statements at the Annual General Meeting or, in his absence, by the Patron-in-Chief or in his absence by the Chair of the meeting.

18.4 Other income may be derived for special purposes of the MHSOBA Inc. and the School as agreed from time to time.

19. PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The normal means of communication is through email newsletters to members together with a printed Annual Report prepared for the Annual General Meeting.

20. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

In the event of the winding up or the disbanding of the Club, whatever assets and property are held after payment of all just debts and liabilities shall not be distributed to members but to the MHSOBA Inc., or in the event that the MHSOBA Inc. is disbanded then the assets and property shall revert to the Melbourne High School or to a fund with similar objectives to the Club.

21. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended in accordance with the procedure and resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present at a Special General Meeting.

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Our hope is that all GMGB members and their families stay well and safe in this exceedingly difficult time.

We should be thankful that we are in Australia, and in Victoria, where the leadership has been firm, clear, and unambiguous over the past couple of months.

Our future, in a different world, will be challenging. The GMGB, over the past 25 years, has responded well to challenges, and we will do so in the future.

We look forward to your continuing support.